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For: METHOD OF ESTIMATING ELIMINATION  
OF MICROORGANISMS AND APPARATUS  
FOR ESTIMATING ELIMINATION OF  
MICROORGANISMS

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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:


Pursuant to the Notification of Acceptance mailed January 16, 2007 in connection with the above-identified application, enclosed herewith are copies of the documents that were cited in the International Search Report and listed on the Form PTO-SB08 filed with the Information Disclosure Statement on October 5, 2004.

The PTO is requested to make these documents of record in the file of the present application and to return the initialed Form PTO-SB08 to the undersigned.

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